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Sir:

Responsive to the office action of August 26, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 5 to 8 and 18 to 24, all other claims having been cancelled. Claims 5 to 8 and 24 stand drawn to allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 18 to 23 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite since the Examiner is of the opinion that the expression "pharmaceutically acceptable substituted camptothecin" is indefinite since the Examiner is of the opinion that the claim does not recite what the intended substituents are and where they are supposed to be. The Examiner concedes that the inventive concept in the claims lies in